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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated September 12, 2005.

The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on October 12, 2005.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Invention I, claims 1-3, 9-11 and 17-19 without traverse.

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